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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF MEXICO FOR SLAUGHTER SHEEP EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian so authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the consignor and the consignee, and individual identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. At the time of exportation, the animals are clinically healthy.
Los animales se encuentran clínicamente sanos en el momento de la exportación.
2. The animals identified on this certificate are free of ectoparasites.
Los animales se encuentran libres de ectoparásitos.
3. The sheep were shorn within 30 days of shipment.
Los ovinos fueron trasquilados dentro de los 30 días previos a la exportación.
4. The animals will be transported in clean and disinfected vehicles.
Los vehículos utilizados para el transporte de los animales fueron sometidos a limpieza y desinfección.
5. The animals have not been fed ruminant origin meat and bone meal.
Los animales no fueron alimentados con harinas de carne y hueso de origen rumiante.
6. In the country of origin, there are animal health regulations that forbid the feeding of ruminant origin meat and bone meal to ruminant animals.
En el país de origen existe reglamentación zoosanitaria vigente que prohíbe alimentar a los rumiantes con harinas de carne y hueso de origen rumiante.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. All animals will be unloaded and inspected by a Mexican veterinarian at a facility in the United States at one of the following border points: Del Rio, Texas; Presidio, Texas; Eagle Pass, Texas.
2. All animals must be identified by eartag. In addition, they must be identified by paint brand, specifically an "X," approximately 5 inches x 5 inches in size, located dorsocaudally (ie., in the tailhead area).

3. The animals will be inspected at the border for ectoparasites. If ectoparasites are found, they can be treated and resubmitted for inspection 72 hours later. (Note: Mexican veterinary authorities require that the treatment be done with coumaphos under the supervision of the Mexican federal veterinarian.)
4. THE ANIMALS MUST BE SHORN WITHIN 30 DAYS OF EXPORTATION.
5. The U.S. Origin Health Certificate must be typewritten. Mexican Port Veterinarians will reject any certificates that are handwritten.
6. The enclosed bilingual certification statements (Appendix1) may be attached to the U.S Origin Health Certificate (VS Form 17-140), but must be signed by the issuing accredited veterinarian and endorsed by the Federal veterinarian.

Health Certificate No. _____
(Valid Only if the USDA Veterinary
Seal Appears Over the Certificate #)

Appendix 1

Certification Statements

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Signature of USDA Accredited Veterinarian

Date

Signature of Federal Veterinarian

Date

(Seal)